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# L S G (1932) Department.

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DATED 28.4.32

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## [Despatch Abstract.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION -

Leprosy in Sherwa - papers recorded.

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Question 2044 Council Office.

18-1-32

(19071)

Mr. M.S. Sreshta.

The Local Self-Govt. Department.

1132. Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to his replies to question No. ~~896~~ 396 put on 31st October 1931 --

(a) what expenditure was incurred during the 6 months the out-patient leprosy clinic was in existence at Shirwa in South Kanara district on account of (i) drugs and (ii) outfit and equipment;

~~(b) what the annual recurrent expenditure will be if the clinic is re-opened;~~

(b) whether the president of the District Board to whom the advisability of providing funds for reopening this clinic was pointed out by the Surgeon-General has sent any reply;

(c) if so, what the terms are of the reply;

(d) what further correspondence, if any, has there been;

(e) whether the hon. the Minister will be pleased to place all the correspondence on the subject on the table?

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L. S. G (P. H) Dept.

C.No. 2970.

Subject.

L. C. Question No 1132. re Leprosy in Shernur (S. Kanara)

Memo:- 2970-1/32 P.H./26.1.32

Referred to the S. G. very early for remarks.

re Q. with reference to clause (c) of the question a copy of complete correspondence on subject between the S.G., the ~~local boards~~ vidpi con D.T. B/d the D.D.B. S. Kanara should be subd. to Govt.

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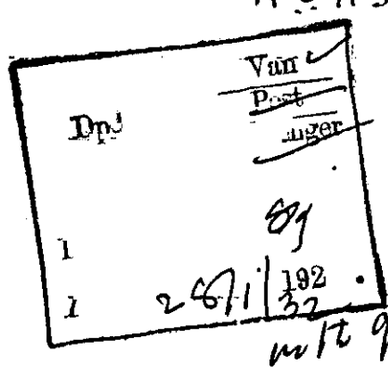
To.

The S.G. (with a copy of the Qn No 1132.)



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Local Self Government (Public Health) **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Subject.*

Legislative Council Question No. 1132 - Leprosy in Shirwa.

ENCLOSURES.
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P. No. 31 Hospitals.

*Station* Madras., *Dated the* 17th February, 1932.

From (Name) Major-General C.A. Sprawson, C.I.E., V.H.S., I.M.S.,
(Designation) Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Local Self Government (Public Health) Department.

Sir,

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Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 2970-1 D.2 P.H. dated 26-1-1932.

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Answers to the several clauses of the Legislative Council question are furnished below seriatim.

Clause (a)

Item (i) Rs. 40-0-0
Item (ii) " 28-0-0

Clause (b).

The reply is in the affirmative. The District Board's resolution No. 89 dated 18-7-1931 transferring this

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office letter R. No. 551 A dated 19-5-31 to the Taluk Board, Udipi, for disposal is enclosed for information.

Clause (c).

No definite action appears to have been taken by the President, District Board, South Kanara, on this office letter referred to above except transferring it to the President, Taluk Board, Udipi, for disposal.

Clause (d).

There was no further direct correspondence on the subject with the President, District Board, South Kanara.

Clause (e).

Copies of the complete correspondence that passed between this office, the President, District Board, South Kanara and the President, Taluk Board, Udipi, are herein enclosed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Major-General I.M.S.,
Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

R.G./15-2.

Copy of letter R. No. 551 A dated 19-5-31 from the ~~President, District Board, South Kanara~~ Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras, to the President, District Board, South Kanara.

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It has been brought to my notice by the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, that the out-patient leprosy clinic at Shirwa has been closed for want of funds. The amount required for the purchase of the drugs for use in the leprosy clinic will not be more than Rs. 150/-. It is very regrettable that a very useful institution should be closed for want of such a small allotment especially just at a time when the institution is getting popular and patients are resorting to the clinic in larger numbers. I have therefore the honour to request that you will consider the advisability of providing funds so that the institution may be reopened for the benefit of the leper patients.

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Copy to the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, with reference to his letter Ref. No. 197-3/31 dated 6-5-31.

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Copy of letter Dis. No. 932/D.B. 31 dated 22-8-31 from the President, District Board, South Kanara.

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Leprosy clinic at Shirwa - Provision of funds.

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Your letter R. No. 551/A dated 19-5-31.

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I enclose herewith a copy of the District Board Resolution No. 89 dated 18-7-1931 referring your letter to the Taluk Board, Udipi, for disposal.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the District Board of South Kanara, dated 18-7-31.

89. Read letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, R.No.551/A dated 19-5-31 requesting to consider the advisability of providing funds for the outpatient leprosy clinic at Shirwa so that the Institution may be reopened for the benefit of the leper patients.

Resolution. Referred to the Taluk Board for disposal.

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(True Extract)

(Sd).....
22-8-31,
For President, Dt. Board.

To

The President, Taluk Board.

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Copy of letter from the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, Mangalore, to the Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated 27-8-1931.

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(g) The District Board has declined to sanction the necessary funds for purchase of drugs etc., vide enclosure which is a true copy of the District Board President's Memorandum in the matter. In this connection attention is also invited to Surgeon-General's letter R.No.551-A dated 19-5-31 to the President, District Board, South Kanara pointing out the advisability of providing funds so that the leprosy clinic at Shirwa may be reopened for treatment of lepers.

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Copy of Memorandum Dis.No.250 D/DB 31 dated 3-3-1931 from President, District Board, Mangalore, to the District Medical Officer, South Kanara.

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Leprosy clinic - Indent for furniture supply of drugs and appliances and for accommodation - Requisition from the Medical Officer, Shirwa.

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The Medical Officer, L. F. Dispensary, Shirwa, is informed that the indents for the leprosy clinic cannot be sanctioned as funds are not available for the purpose.

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Please (P. 10 to be brought in here.)

Copy of letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the President, Taluk Board, Udipi, Ref.No.1270-3 H., dated 6-10-1931.

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Ref:-Your letter No. Dis. 550 D/ U.T.B. of 31 dated 16-8-31 to the Chief Leprosy Officer-in-charge of the Leprosy Campaign in the Presidency, Calicut - regarding Preventive Medicine. supply of drugs - Leprosy treatment - Shirwa dispensary.

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In your letter referred to above you have stated that the charges on account of treatment of cases for leprosy have to be borne by the District Board from its funds under item 1 C(1) (i.) of schedule V to the Madras Local Boards Amendment Act of 1930 i.e. preventive and remedial measures connected with epidemics Leprosy should be classified under "Endemics" and not under "Epidemics". It is not preventive medicine and therefore the charges connected with the treatment of cases of leprosy is a legitimate charge on the Taluk Board. It is therefore requested that necessary funds for the re-opening of the leprosy clinic at Shirwa may be provided by the Taluk Board.

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Copy to the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, with reference to his No.Nil. dated 27-8-31 sent in reply to this office No. Ref. 1270-1 H, dated 14-8-31.

Copy to the President, District Board, South Kanara, with reference to correspondence ending with his letter No. Dis. 932/D.B. of '31 dated 22-8-31.

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Copy of letter No. Dis. 827-D/31 dated the 23rd November 1931, from the President, Taluk Board, Udipi, to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, Madras.

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Leprosy - Clinic at Shirva - Opening.

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Your Ref. No. 1270-3-H., dated 6-10-1931.

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I regret I cannot agree with you. If the charges connected with Leprosy cure, are not to be classed under preventive medi-cine, it follows that they should be treated as falling under medical relief. The Taluk Board can incur expenditure only for the establishment and maintenance of hospitals and dispensaries; and every other kind of medical relief has to be given by the District Board. Vide Items (e) of 1 B and (h) of 1C of Sch. V to the M.L.B. Act XI of 1930. Please address the President, District Board, South Kanara, in the matter.

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Copy of letter No. Ref. 1270-4-H., dated 4-2-1932 from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the President, Taluk Board, Udipi.

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Ref:- Leprosy treatment - clinic at Shirva - supply of drugs - Your letter Dis. No. 827-D/31/W.T.B., dated 23-11-1931.

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I have the honour to state that leprosy is an "Endemic" and not an "Epidemic" disease. Indigent persons suffering from leprosy can resort to any Government, District Board, Local Fund or Munici-pal medical institution as in the case of patients suffering from

other

other endemic diseases for proper treatment. It follows therefore that the charges incurred for the treatment of indigent lepers at Local Fund or special leprosy clinics opened by the Taluk Boards cannot be debited to the funds of the District Board. Under rule 1-B (2) (c) of the Finance rules in Schedule V of the Madras Local Boards Act 1920, as amended by Act XI of 1930, the Taluk Boards have sufficient powers to incur expenditure on the treatment of cases of leprosy either in the medical institutions if provision exists to isolate them or in the special leprosy clinics under their control. In view of the above facts, it is requested, that necessary funds may now be sanctioned from the Taluk Board funds for re-opening the leprosy clinic at Shirva and that leprosy clinics opened by Taluk Boards are not closed for want of funds.

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Copy with a copy of letter Dis.No.827-D/31 U.T.B. dated 23-11-1931 from the President, Taluk Board, Udipi, to the President, District Board, South Kanara, and the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, in continuation of this office letter No. Ref. 1270-3-H., dated 6-10-1931.

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(this to go on P7 ante)

Copy of letter No. Dis. 550-D/U.T.B., 31 dated 16-8-1931, from the Vice President, Taluk Board, Udipi, to the Chief Leprosy Officer, in charge of Leprosy Campaign, in the Madras Presidency, Calicut.

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Subject:- Preventive medicine - supply of drugs - leprosy treatment - Shirwa Dispensary - Rs. 150/-.

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Ref:-- Your No. 683-A., dated 7th August 1931.

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The finances of my Taluk Board are too poor to bear the expenses in connection with the leprosy clinic. Moreover, the charges have to be borne from the District Board funds vide item 1 C (1) (i) of Schedule V to the Madras Local Boards Amendment Act of 1930. The President District Board, South Kanara, may therefore be addressed in the matter.

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(983)

L. S. G (P.H) Dept.

* Question No. 1132. (was starred)

Answer

Mrs. M. S. Sreelata.

1132. Will the Hon the Minister for Local Self Govt be pleased to state with reference to his replies to Unstarred Question No. 386 put on 31st Oct 1931:—

(a) What expenditure was incurred during the six months the out-patient Leprosy clinic was in existence at Shiriya in South Kanara Dt on account of

(i) drugs and

(ii) outfit and equipment

(b) Whether the Pt of the Dt. Bd. to whom the advisability of providing funds for reopening this clinic was pointed out by the S. G. has sent any reply

(c) If so, what the terms of the reply,

(d) What further correspondence, if any, has there been;

(e) Whether the Hon. the Minister will be pleased to place all the correspondence on the subject on the table?

(a) The expenditure incurred on drugs was Rs 40.0.0; and that on outfit and equipment was Rs 28.0.0.

(b) Yes.

(c) The South Kanara Dt. Board stated that he transferred the S. G's letter to the Udipi T. B. for disposal.

(d) There was no further correspondence on the subject between the S. G. and the P. D. B. South Kanara.

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(e) Copies of the Complete correspondence are placed on the table.

Two copies of the L.C.O are to be sent

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Legislative Council Question No.1132 - Starred.

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Mr. M. S. Sreshta.

Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self Govt. be pleased to state with reference to his replies to question - No.386 put on 31st October 1931.

(a) what expenditure was incurred during the 6 months the out-patient leprosy clinic was in existence at Shirwa in South Kanara district on account of (i) the drugs and (ii) outfit and equipment;

(b) whether the president of the District Board to whom the advisability of providing funds for re-opening this clinic was pointed out by the Surgeon-General has sent any reply;

(c) if so, what the terms are of the reply;

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Local Self Govt. Department.

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(a) The expenditure incurred on drugs was Rs.40/- and that on out-fit and equipment was Rs.20/-

(b) Yes.

(c) The South Kanara District Board transferred the Surgeon-General's letter to the Udipi Taluk Board for disposal.

(d) There was no further direct correspondence on the subject between the Surgeon-General and/President, District Board, South Kanara.

(e) Copies of the complete correspondence are placed on the table.

Fort St.George,
Dated 29th February 1932.

E.Conran Smith,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Legislative Council Office.

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The above answer has been approved by:-
The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu Garu.

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F o r w a r d e d.
(By Order)

S. Sundaram
Superintendent.

M.A.D:/-29-2-32.

Copy of letter R.No.551 A, dated 19th May 1931 from the Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras, to the President, District Board, South Kanara.

It has been brought to my notice by the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, that the out-patient leprosy clinic at Shirwa has been closed for want of funds. The amount required for the purchase of the drugs for use in the leprosy clinic will not be more than Rs.150/-. It is very regrettable that a very useful institution should be closed for want of such a small allotment especially just at a time when the institution is - getting popular and patients are resorting to the clinic in - larger numbers. I have therefore the honour to request that you will consider the advisability of providing funds so that the institution may be re-opened for the benefit of the leper patients.

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Copy to the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, with reference to his letter Ref.No.197-3/31, dated 6th May 1931.

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Leprosy clinic at Shirwa - Provision of funds.

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Resolution. Referred to the Taluk Board for disposal.

(True Extract)

Signed.....
22-8-31.
For President, Dt. Board.

To
The President, Taluk Board.

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The District Board has declined to sanction the necessary funds for purchase of drugs etc. vide enclosure which is a true copy of the District Board President's Memo. in the matter. In this connection attention is also invited to Surgeon-General's letter R.No.651-A, dated 19th May 1931 to the President, District Board, South Kanara pointing out the advisability of providing funds so that the leprosy - clinic at Shirwa may be re-opened for treatment of lepers.

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Leprosy clinic:- Indent for furniture supply of drugs and appliances and for accommodation - Requisition from the Medical Officer, Shirwa.

The Medical Officer, L.F.Dispensary, Shirwa, is informed that the indents for the leprosy clinic cannot be sanctioned as funds are not available for the purpose.

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Copy of letter No.Dis.550-D/U.T.B 31, dated 16-8-1931, from the Vice-President, Taluk Board, Udipi, to the Chief Leprosy Officer, in charge of Leprosy Campaign, in the Madras Presidency, Calicut.

Subject:- Preventive medicine - supply of drugs - leprosy treatment - Shirwa Dispensary - Rs.150/-

Ref:- Your No.683-A, dated 7th August 1931.

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The finances of my Taluk Board are too poor to bear the expenses in connection with the leprosy clinic. Moreover, the charges have to be borne from the District Board

funds vide item 1 C (1) (i) of Schedule V to the Madras Local Boards Amendment Act of 1930. The President District Board, South Kanara, may therefore be addressed in the matter.

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Copy of letter from the Surgeon-General with the Govt. Madras, to the President, Taluk Board, Udipi, Ref.No.1270-3 H, dated 6-10-1931.

Ref:- Your letter No.Dis.650 D/U.T.B of 31, dated 16-8-31 to the Chief Leprosy Officer-in-charge of the Leprosy Campaign in the Presidency, Calicut - regarding Preventive Medicine - supply of drugs - Leprosy treatment - Shirva dispensary.

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Leprosy - Clinic at Shirva - Opening.

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as falling under medical relief. The Taluk Board can incur expenditure only for the establishment and maintenance of hospitals and dispensaries and every other kind of medical relief has to be given by the District Board. Vide items (e of 1 B and (h) of 1 C of Sch. V to the M.L.B. Act XI of 1930. Please address the President, District Board, South Kanara, in the matter.

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Copy of letter No.Ref.1270-4-H, dated 4-2-1932 from the Surgeon-General with the Govt. of Madras, to the President, Taluk Board, Udipi.

Ref:- Leprosy treatment - clinic at Shirva - Supply of drugs - Your letter Dis.No.827-D/31 W.T.B., dated 23-11-1931.

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L. S. G (P. W) Dept.

Subject

L. C. Question No. 1132 - Leprosy in Sherwa - (South Kanara)

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Please see the L. C. question on p1 cf, the memo on p 2 cf and the reply of the S. G. on pp 3-4 cf. The question based has been admitted.

2. A draft answer on the information furnished by the S. G. is submitted for approval. With reference to clause (c) of the question, there seems to be no objection to place the complete correspondence on the table.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
27 FEB 1932
L. G. Dept.

Council Office.

The departments concerned may be informed that the questions noted below which were already sent to them as unstarred have at the request of the Members of the Legislative Council asking them since been treated as starred questions.

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Local Self Government Department .. 1132.

U.O.No.645/32-1 L.C.
24-2-32.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
24 FEB 1932
LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT

/True copy/

D Shyamala Rao
Superintendent.

23 FEB 1932

7813 L.C Qn No 1132 relates to the closing of the leprosy clinic in Sherwa. The main file has been circulated to Hon M, on 24.2.32. On its return, this will be added to it and the question will be marked starred.

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*Expenditure on the out-patient leprosy clinic at Shirwa.*

* 983 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to his replies to question No. 386 put on 31st October 1931—

(*a*) what expenditure was incurred during the six months the out-patient leprosy clinic was in existence at Shirwa in South Kanara district on account of (i) drugs and (ii) out-fit and equipment;

(*b*) whether the President of the District Board to whom the advisability of providing funds for reopening this clinic was pointed out by the Surgeon-General has sent any reply;

(*c*) if so, what the terms of the reply are;

(*d*) what further correspondence, if any, has there been; and

(*e*) whether the hon. the Minister will be pleased to place all the correspondence on the subject on the table?

A.—(*a*) The expenditure incurred on drugs was Rs. 40 and that on out-fit and equipment was Rs. 28.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The South Kanara District Board transferred the Surgeon-General's letter to the Udipi Taluk Board for disposal.

(*d*) There was no further direct correspondence on the subject between the Surgeon-General and the President, District Board, South Kanara.

(*e*) Copies of the complete correspondence are placed on the table.

(below)

## Appendix II.

[Vide answer to question No. 983 asked by Mr. M. S. Sreshta at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 9th March 1932, page 404 supra.]

*Letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the President, District Board, South Kanara, R. No. 551-A, dated 19th May 1931.*

It has been brought to my notice by the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, that the out-patient leprosy clinic at Shirwa has been closed for want of funds. The amount required for the purchase of the drugs for use in the leprosy clinic will not be more than Rs. 150. It is very regrettable that a very useful institution should be closed for want of such a small allotment especially just at a time when the institution is getting popular and patients are resorting to the clinic in larger numbers. I have therefore the honour to request that you will consider the advisability of providing funds so that the institution may be re-opened for the benefit of the leper patients.

Copy to the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, with reference to his letter Ref. No. 197-3/31, dated 6th May 1931.

*Letter from the President, District Board, South Kanara, Dis. No. 932/D.B. 31, dated 22nd August 1931.*

[Leprosy clinic at Shirwa—Provision of funds. Your letter R. No. 551/A, dated 19th May 1931.]

I enclose herewith a copy of the District Board Resolution No. 89, dated 18th July 1931, referring your letter to the Taluk Board, Udipi, for disposal.

Enclosure.

*Extract from the Proceedings of the District Board of South Kanara, dated 18th July 1931.*

89. Read letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, R. No. 551-A, dated 19th May 1931, requesting to consider the advisability of providing funds for the out-patient leprosy clinic at Shirwa so that the institution may be reopened for the benefit of the leper patients.

*Resolution.*—Referred to the Taluk Board for disposal.

*Letter from the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, Mangalore, to the Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated 27th August* 1931.

The District Board has declined to sanction the necessary funds for purchase of drugs, etc., vide enclosure which is a true copy of the District Board President's memorandum in the matter. In this connexion attention is also invited to Surgeon-General's letter R. No. 551-A, dated 19th May 1931, to the President, District Board, South Kanara, pointing out the advisability of providing funds so that the leprosy clinic at Shirwa may be reopened for treatment of lepers.

Enclosure.

*Memorandum from President, District Board, South Kanara, to the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, Dis. No.* 250/*D*/*D B.* 31, *dated 3rd March* 1931.

[Leprosy clinic—Indent for furniture, supply of drugs and appliances and for accommodation—Requisition from the Medical Officer, Shirwa.]

The Medical Officer, Local Fund Dispensary, Shirwa, is informed that the indents for the leprosy clinic cannot be sanctioned as funds are not available for the purpose.

*Letter from the Vice-President, Taluk Board, Udipi, to the Chief Leprosy Officer-in-charge of Leprosy Campaign, in the Madras Presidency, Calicut, dated 16th August* 1931, *No. Dis.* 550/*D-U.T.B.* 31.

[Preventive medicine—Supply of drugs—Leprosy treatment—Shirwa dispensary—Rs. 150—*Reference.*—Your No. 683-A, dated 7th August 1931.]

The finances of my Taluk Board are too poor to bear the expenses in connexion with the leprosy clinic. Moreover, the charges have to be borne from the District Board funds—vide item 1 C (1) (i) of Schedule V to the Madras Local Boards Amendment Act of 1930. The President, District Board, South Kanara, may therefore be addressed in the matter.

*Letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the President, Taluk Board, Udipi, dated 6th October* 1931, *Ref. No.* 1270-3-*H.*

[*Reference.*—Your letter No. Dis. 550 D/U.T.B. of 1931, dated 16th August 1931, to the Chief Leprosy Officer-in-charge of the Leprosy Campaign in the Presidency, Calicut—Regarding preventive medicine—Supply of drugs—Leprosy treatment—Shirwa dispensary.]

In your letter referred to above, you have stated that the charges on account of treatment of cases for leprosy have to be borne by the district board from its funds under item 1 C (1) (i) of Schedule V to the Madras Local Boards Amendment Act of 1930, i.e., preventive and remedial measures connected with epidemics. Leprosy should be classified under 'Endemics' and not under 'Epidemics.' It is not preventive medicine and therefore the charges connected with the treatment of cases of leprosy is a legitimate charge on the taluk board. It is therefore requested that necessary funds for the reopening of the leprosy clinic at Shirwa may be provided by the taluk board.

Copy to the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, with reference to his No. nil, dated 27th August 1931, sent in reply to this office No. Ref. 1270-1 H, dated 14th August 1931.

Copy to the President, District Board, South Kanara, with reference to correspondence ending with his letter No. Dis. 932/D.B. of 1931, dated 22nd August 1931.

*Letter from the President, Taluk Board, Udipi, to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, dated the 23rd November 1931, No. Dis. 827-D/31.*

[Leprosy—Clinic at Shirwa—Opening—Your Reference No. 1270-3-H, dated 6th October 1931.]

I regret I cannot agree with you. If the charges connected with leprosy cure, are not to be classed under preventive medicine, it follows that they should be treated as falling under medical relief. The taluk board can incur expenditure only for the establishment and maintenance of hospitals and dispensaries and every other kind of medical relief has to be given by the district board—vide items (*e*) of I-B and (*h*) of I-C of Schedule V to the Madras Local Boards Act XI of 1930. Please address the President, District Board, South Kanara, in the matter.

*Letter from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the President, Taluk Board, Udipi, dated 4th February 1932, No. Ref. 1270-4-H.*

[Leprosy treatment—Clinic at Shirwa—Supply of drugs—*Reference.*—Your letter Dis. No. 827-D/31, U.T.B., dated 23rd November 1931.]

I have the honour to state that leprosy is an ' Endemic ' and not an ' Epidemic ' disease. Indigent persons suffering from leprosy can resort to any Government, district board, local fund or municipal medical institution as in the case of patients suffering from other endemic diseases for proper treatment. It follows therefore that the charges incurred for the treatment of indigent lepers at local fund or special leprosy clinics opened by the taluk boards cannot be debited to the funds of the district board. Under rule I-B (2) (*c*) of the Finance rules in Schedule V of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, as amended by Act XI of 1930, the taluk boards have sufficient powers to incur expenditure on the treatment of cases of leprosy either in the medical institutions if provision exists to isolate them or in the special leprosy clinics under their control. In view of the above facts, it is requested that necessary funds may now be sanctioned from the taluk board funds for reopening the leprosy clinic at Shirwa and that leprosy clinics opened by taluk boards are not closed for want of funds.

Copy with a copy of letter Dis. No. 827-D/31, U.T.B., dated 23rd November 1931, from the President, Taluk Board, Udipi, to the President, District Board, South Kanara, and the District Medical Officer, South Kanara, in continuation of this office letter No. Ref. 1270-3-H, dated 6th October 1931.

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A printed Copy of the Question and answer has been posted on p 3 ante. There is no supplementary question. No further action is therefore necessary. The papers may be

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